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BY LA MARQUISE DE FONTENOY.

the missing Dauphin, this would in nowise affect the status of the Duke of Orloans in the eyes of French royalists and of those foreign courts which look upon him as a possible future ruler of France, for the original Naundorf Maried a woman of humble birth. And his son did the same, so that the latter's three boys, namely, John, Charles and Louis, who to-day represent the so-called Naundorf Bourbons, cannot be regarded as of royal birth, or as possessed of any of the qualifications indispensable to royal status, and to rank as princes of the blood. From a monarchical point of view, it is a sine qua non for a scien of royalty to have not only a father, but also a mother, of royal birth; or, at any rate, the mother should belong to those mediatized houses of the nobility formerly exercising sway as petty sovereigns, who are entitled to mate on a prince of the blood and a woman who is either an ordinary noble or a member of the bourgeoisle is ipso facto sufficient to deprive the issue of the union of any royal status, and at the best it is looked upon as morganatic progeny.

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WILL THE ASSESSMENT BE A FARCE?

The prospective farce of a new real estate assessment has aroused the fears of the Fredericksburg Free Lance. That paper sees in the coming valuation of Virginia lands and real property the possibilities of injustice and great loss, and urges upon the court the appointment of men who will see that the laws of the State are enforced. Assessments must be absolutely equal, it maintains, no matter who is injured. This question of assessments is an evil which this paper has discussed in senson and out. Every doctrine of economic justice, every principle of taxation and every canon of financial right is violated by the system now is vogue in Virginia. Where there is no controlling body, every district is a law unto itself; every county a separate and distinct unit, practically able to fix its own tax-rare.

In the single point of injustice, the present method of assessing real property could hardly be worse. It can be shown that real estate assessments in Virginia vary from 12 to 110 per intention of the great Napoleonic nobles.

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MPEROR WILLIAM has recently conferred hereditary nobility upon will lare deneral to mobility upon William Garvens, of Hancories of the conferred hereditary nobility upon william Garvens, orbility upon or armorial bearings, and if I want of the problem of the sheld and a man work-sous the rade mark of his firm in his new to controlled and a man work-sous the proble

virtue of the law which bars from the French army members of families which have formerly reigned over France. About two years ago he as well as his two brothers instituted legal proceedings at Paris to obtain recognition of their French nationality and of their being French citizens of the name of De Bourbon. The proceedings have not yet been brought to a conclusion. bello were to sell its valuable champagne growing business, the purchaser would have the exclusive right to the ducal coat-of-arms, owing to its having become a trade mark; while the Duke of Montebello and the members of his family would be debarred from any use whatseever thereof, either on their carriages, note paper, or in any manner, since it would constitute the illegal use of a trade mark which had passed out of their possession.

Some Queer Laws.

acted several hundred years ago for the purpose of preventing discrimina-tion against goods of English make. It has never been repealed, and still re-mains in existence. By virtue of its provisions, any woman who has a dress made for her in London, and finds that it is described in the bill as a "tollette" instead of as a gown or a frock, can legally ignore the claim against her in connection therewith. In the same way, a bootmaker who is

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### Voice of the People

cording to which the government is about to publish the documents in its possession, establishing beyond possibility of contradiction the fact that the one-time clock-maker, Naundorf, was the missing Dauphin, this would in nowise affect the status of the Duke of Orleans in the eyes of French royalists and of those foreign courts which look upon him as a possible future.

Juvesile Court,
Editor of The Times-Dispatch:
Sir,—Will you give me the space to
present what I understand to be the
actual position of Police Justice John
J. Crutchfield on the question of juvenile courts? In his reply to a question
asked him by the State Board of Charities and Corrections, Justice Crutchfield said "it is not necessary." In
this answer he leaves the whole matter
or wast a juvenile court is without
definition.
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dennition.

The reply given by Justice Crutch-field answers the question from the point of view of the machinery of the court without alluding to any change in the law affecting the decisions of the court. Judge Crutchfield's answer, "not necessary" simply means not necessary under existing laws. He realizes that the machinery of a special juvenile court would be useless and ineffective without laws enabling the judge to use discretion, and without institutions, as in the case of young girls, to properly care for and train the delinquents.

This is indicated by the answer to the second question, "whether he thought a separate court would be attended with beneficial results." In reply to this question, Judge Crutchfield answered: "That legislation should be enacted, giving larger discretion to the courts in charges against inventie or.

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Samuel M. Clemens.

Did Samuel M. Clemens (Mark Twain) desert from the Confederate army to join the Union army? I have been informed by an old soldier now living in Charlotte county, Va., that Mark was in the commissary department of the Confederate army in Mississippi, and skipped out with all the funds and joined the Union army.

No; we do not think there is a shadow of truth in this charge.

C. A. D.

No; we do not think there is a shadow of truth in this charge.

C. A. D.

Salary of Public School Teschers.

San Francisco to New York.

To settle a bet please tell me the distance from San Francisco to New York.

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2. Please give name and address of an officer of D. A. R. to whom one can apply for information concerning membershile.

3. The early symptoms of pellagra are not very clearly defined. There is a slow fever, a disturbance of the digestive organs and slight mental symptoms. Ip the advanced stages of the disease friers is an acute dermittits, or eruption of the skin, which cannot be described unless you are familiar with the disease itself. In the most advanced stage of the disease delirium and mania are not infrequent. If you will write to the United States Public Health and Marine Hospital Service Bureau, in Washington, that bureau will gladly furnish you a pamphlet which has recently been published, giving the full symptoms of pellagra.

2. Write to Mrs. John Paul Earnest, recording secretary, Washington, D. C.

The Insurgeuts in Congress.

Please tell me what the "insurgents" whom I see mentioned in the proceedings of Congress stand for.

READER.

The insurgents, so called, are a number of able Republicans who opposed the policy of the Republican majority in the last session of Congress. They are concepted and consideration in the matter. The Richmond and Henrico Company secured its franchise before the new Constitution went into effect, and constitution went into effect, and consented in the proceedings of Congress. They in the last session of Congress. They in the last session of Congress. They are concepted in the last session of Congress. They are concepted to the constitution went into effect, and consented the policy of the Republicans who may be a contract for the beautiful the constitution went into effect, and consented the policy of the Republicans with the case of Mrs. On a connection with the case of Mrs. On a connection with the case of Mrs. On a connection with the case of Mrs. On

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OPENING THE DOORS. The opening of the doors to the Cun ningham investigation proceedings was previous secret session furnished, furher, the appropriate amends. This tes-

insisted on making this particular public investigation private and confidential, there is little doubt that the Council would have rejected its report and sent the whole matter back for reinvestigation in public. This would ave caused a lot of superfluous bother. That it was avoided, and the full ses-Umlauf and Mr. Fuller, who have steadily and stoutly protested against any form of secrecy. The findings of he committee will now be acceptable can see exactly how they are arrived at and upon what they are based. This buckle or go off like a firecracker, has happened to be the main point.

THE "SUBSIDY TO THE NEWS-PAPERS." One point in Mr. Taft's colorless mesrises to something like promimagazines and periodicals. The President rehearses the familiar facts; how the United States Post-Office carries this matter for 1 cent a pound; how cents a pound; how the resultant loss to the office amounts to \$63,000,000 a The President finds that these figures, apparently new to him, "are the government of an enormous subsldy to the newspapers, magazines and

periodicals" startling or not, do not show anything of the sort. We shall not go into paper and magazine publishers. It was appointed. established to give the people of the country the most popular forms of

return on their invested capital, Many dvertisers to now other expared to what it would do to the read- that this did not and must not iny ing people of the country. In hundreds of thousands of homes the result would be all the difference between taking

taking either, This fact Mr. Taft apparently appreciates. He shrinks from following home his premises to their final conclusion. He suggests a higher rate. not on the most popular of all kinds of reading matter, the newspaper, but standing, of industry and faithfulness, Of course, it is true and well known of considerable experience in affairs. that serious abuses have crept into the We have no doubt that he would make second-class system, that many so- a thoroughly competent superintendsalled "magazines" have been admitted ent of the penitentiary. But it is not to the privilege which are not rightfully entitled to it, and that a general which make him the one man in the weeding out and house-cleaning would State peculiarly and supremely fitted be in the direction of needed economy, for this position. He has, it is true, But whether the rate on all magazines, served two years on the board of diof whatever character, can be raised to rectors of the penitentiary, the general good is another question Major Morgan was the life and soul hardly to be disposed of off-hand. In and heart of the management of that mny case, it seems somewhat out of institution, we suppose that he has place for the President, in one part of during that time acquired general his message, to be horrified at a "sub- knowledge of its working affairs. But sidy" to the people when in another Mr. Wood certainly is not an experiout he urges a subsidy to the greedlest enced penitentlary manager. He cerining fraction of the people that ever tainly is not a reformatory expert.

the President, desires to make needed ness must lie, we should imagine, economics in the Post-Office, why on rather in his general and personal earth doesn't it begin at home? Why doesn't it abolish or restrict the no-

for reform in our entire government roughly capable and trustworthy man plucking out of which would save the country \$20,000,000 a year, with little would take it, and that one a mem-

The Scottsville Enterprise, published

in Virginia's famous Taxless Town, offers felicitations, thus:

Only we do not thump the wooden

to forefend the omen which falls upon those who count the future too surely and carelessly. And never was there a thing so set about and hamnered with water in Richmond. Now we hear it proper, if somewhat tardy, recogni- said that on the approaching Christmas Day we may kick the filters out of the their own business. The re- house and proceed to drink hearty. taking of the testimony given at the Really it looks that way. The flume born under the ill star, the black sheep a gun in matters municipal, the conre thus in position to make up their tractor's ne'er-do-well which was like to break our hearts and our pocketbooks, too, has at last won to the haven where it should be. December 20 1 mentioned as the date for the official buckled once, has been unbuckled. It The frappings, equipment, paraphernulia, appurtenances and incidentals are indicated as being on the job, night and day. Not a rift visible poors, is due in large measure to Mr. in the lute anywhere; not a riffle on the calm surface of serene anticipa-

tion, And yet-And yet, because of the procession of misfortunes that have steadily trod everybody. Not everybody, perhaps, upon the tail of this civic enterprise, we cannot escape the haunting fear that the settling basin may yet rethe flume may fall a victim to sponnalla and appurtenances catch appendicitis, the James River catch fire and burn to a crisp. But there. Again we thwack the reverberating wood and nence. This is his criticism of the drive these nightmares from us, discredited and abashed. The Scottsville Enterprise has got it right, Richmond is soon to have clear water. Hurrah,

say we. Hurrah! ONLY ONE COMPETENT CANDI-

Approached on Monday morning with reference to his candidacy for the position of Superintendent of the State Penitentiary, J. B. Wood is quoted as saying:

The situation is decidedly embarrassing to me, as I am myself a member of the board.

Mr. Wood's sense of embarrassm is entirely natural. Any man of sensitive perceptions, situated as he is conniption fits at the mention of the and knowing, as he does, that his word "subsidy." If every money con- acceptance of this post would be subtribution from the government to any- ject to widespread criticism and posthing or anybody is a subsidy, then sible misconstruction, would necessacertainly "an enormous subsidy" is rily feel ill at, ease. Mr. Wood's empaid here. But the subsidy is not paid barrassment is altogether creditable to to the newspapers, magazines and him. There is one very simple and periodicals. It is paid to the people obvious way in which he can free himof the United States. The cheap rate self from it. That is for him to anon second-class matter was not estab. nounce that he is not a candidate for lished to boost the dividends of news- the position and would not accept it if

The Times-Dispatch does not, or course, share the view that everyreading matter at the lowest possible thing not expressly forbidden by the letter of the law is therefore proper and desirable. At the same time this even on the present basis of postage, paper is no stickler for meaningless are great money-makers. The vast technicalities, barren formalities, ural and logical part of an entirely un-majority of them get a very modest empty little rules of thumb. The constitutional provision which forbids have a desperate struggle to keep Legislatures and Councils to fill salatheir heads above water. Large num- ried offices from their own memperbers of them sell at about, or less ship happens to be none of these than, the cost of the paper, and look things. On the contrary, it is obviously wholesome, vigorous penses and return a profit. If the It should be accepted as a guiding postal rate on second-class matter principle by every board in charge or were raised to-morrow from 1 cent a State institution. But if to violate to 9 cents a pound probably every this principle in a given instance newspaper and magazine in America meant to secure the services of the would immediately make a stiff ad- one man who in fitness for the place vance in subscription prices. This, of towered head and shoulders above course, would hurt the newspapers and every other man in the State, we magazines. But what it would do to should say that the principle ought to them would be of no consequence com- be violated for once, while insisting

down a precedent. But it by no means appears that a newspaper and a magazine and not It by no means appears that the sole any such condition exists in this case. choice here is between one of the five men who will make the appointment and some self-seeking incompetent who is quite unfit for the respon-

sibilities of the place. whined and sniveled for money out He certainly is not a scientific penol-If Congress, under the proddings of ogist. His claim to pre-eminent fit-

toriously abused frank, under which adividual Congressmen mail anything date of its own, cares personally not from garden seeds to a Holstein cow a rap about any of the candidates who it the expense of the tax-payers? Here have been mentioned. It shares to the

for this important place. But is it possible that only one such man ber of the board? Is it not the duty of the board, under the circumstances to exhaust the possibilities of the State before resorting to an expedi and which will not be everywhere understood?

Here is a post of honor and grea usefulness, estimated to be worth, with salary and perquisites, between \$3,000 and \$3,500 a year. Is it possihie that capable and trustworthy Vir-Hurrah, says the Enterprise. And ginians are universally so thriving we, thumping upon the table like an- that a post like this is beneath the other Tiny Tim, echo; Hurrah! God notice of all of them? Is it possible bless us all! the full equal of Mr. Wood in composurface to express bubbling emotions tence, but free from the disabilities as the young Timothy did, but rather which he himself finds embarrassing,

enty. It inevitably follows that a man

will presently decide that the property should be taxed at, let us say, \$3 an assess the same property, or similar present remedy. For this gross injustax-payer has to grin and endure or laugh and take it easy, as the case

And at the same time, as a natural some districts that tax-payers in others

or will reduce taxes by an equal figure. relic of days when the State's busiments and not to remedy the entire bottles,

It is not too late. By prompt, lishment of a competent tax commissessment for 1910 that will remove gross injustice and give us sane. equitable taxation.

We desire to know whether Mr. Cal-

Without serious damage to the world, Mr. Taft could still take a few courses in the Boil Her Down club. The tragic death of a French aviator shows conclusively that gravitation still has the pull.

We are delighted to know that the Chesapeake and Ohio Rallroad is going to put in a trap-car service here, even though we shouldn't know a trapcar if it ran over us in the road

Perhaps if they printed the message A syndicate of creditors has just tarted suit against Prince Mignel

Braganza. The queer thing is that the prince married an American mit-lionheiress on the fitteenth of last Schienber, and what the syndicate has been doing all this time we haven't the least idea. You can't do your Christmas shopping early now, but you can still do it earlier than some,

While the Senate's opening session only lasted 13 minutes, it was long enough for Senator Bailey to put over a few remarks.

Who started that about "the melan-

choly days," anyway? Here in Richmond it is only the nights that are melancholy, when our marvetous Wagneria, Tom-cats rehearse their earsplitting concertos It seems to us about time that old Uncle Zed Zelaya were embarking for Parls to have an operation performed on his nose or something like that.

However, Joseph Cannon's "evation" on the getaway was merely the kind Speakers have atways used,

ti the expense of the tax-payers? Here have been mentioned. It shares to the And will the Phoenix Insurance Com-